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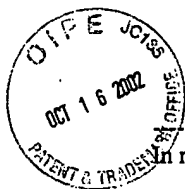
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUEST

Sir:

This is in response to a written Restriction Request dated September 13, 2002 in the above-identified application to which a response is due October 13, 2002.

This election is made with traverse.

The restriction requirement is improper for failure to show a serious burden on the Examiner to examine the claims in a single application, and should be withdrawn. See MPEP § 803. Despite classifying Applicant's invention into only two different subclasses for the 11 claims, the Examiner has not provided any reason or showing that a serious burden will result by examining the methods of identifying an agonist or antagonist, together with the agonist or antagonist and methods of treating a medical condition mediated by a mammalian SP168 receptor. The inventions are clearly related. Applicants urge the Examiner to consider reducing the number of restriction categories.

The examiner is respectfully reminded that MPEP § 803 states:

"If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must

examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction with respect to Groups I, II and III. Applicants would greatly appreciate the Examination of all 11 claims for the purpose of streamlining prosecution and reducing the burden on the applicant.

In the event the Examiner is unable to accommodate the above request, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-3). Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in order to enter this Response to Restriction Requirement to Deposit Account No. 19-0365.

Respectfully submitted,



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